Invitation to Mr. T. Muivah

3232. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have sent a formal invitation to the Naga insurgent leader, Mr. Thuingaleng Muivah to visit India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government's decision to invite Mr. Muivah to hold talks with an outlawed organization on Indian soil has sent a wrong signal to the entire N.E. Region which is in turmoil following the extension of Nagaland cease fire to other areas; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Opening up of land routes with Bangladesh

3233. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has opened up land routes with Bangladesh with a proposal to start a bus service from Dhaka to Agartala;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the porous border between India and Bangladesh is causing massive infiltration of Bangladeshis into India and changing the demography of North-Eastern States, especially Assam; and

(c) whether Government propose to concentrate on policing its borders with Bangladesh more efficiently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. An Agreement and protocol to operate bus service between Agartala and Dhaka was signed on 10-7-2001 at Dhaka. Regular bus service is likely to take place around end August, 2001.

(b) There is continous influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh. It is